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REMARKS

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1. Troops and material unloaded at the Halle freight station on 18 and 28 February 1953 included:

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At 10 a.m. on 18 February. Several 122-mm artillery pieces, an undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and an undetermined number of motor vehicles,

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At 11:30 p.m. on 18 February. Sixteen tanks, mostly T-34 tanks, and 2 SP guns.

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28 February. Four SP guns, 1 tank chassis; and an undetermined number of motor vehicles

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The units left for the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. On 28 February, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,500 to 2,000 troops, mostly wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and including a few wearing black-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets. Troops observed received formation drill.

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2. From 18 February to 1 March, the Flak Kaserne in Woermlitz was occupied by about 600 to 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Soldiers observed received individual training and formation drill.

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3. Prior to 1 March, the Reil Kaserne was occupied by 50 to 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black or black-bordered crimson epaulets who were observed at individual training and formation drill.³

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shipments went from the Lossa troop training grounds to Halle on 17 February. 25X1

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The trains probably carried the same artillery units, which, according to a previous report, had been entrained 25X1

in Halle on 13 February. The tanks 25X1

and SP guns unloaded on 28 February probably also returned from Lossa. Although major elements of the division undoubtedly were at firing practices, the occupation strength of the barracks installations appears to be underestimated.

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3. Comment. The information indicates that the Reil Kaserne is occupied as previously. 25X1

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